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**PLAINTIFFS**  
VANDERDONK, LLC

**DEFENDANTS**  
AVI MAHAJAN

**ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)**

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**ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)****CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)  
(DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)**

Plaintiff brings this action for violations of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 ("DTSA") and violations of New York common law regarding the misappropriation of trade secrets.

Has this action, case, or proceeding, or one essentially the same been previously filed in SDNY at any time? No  Yes  Judge Previously Assigned

If yes, was this case Vol.  Invol.  Dismissed. No  Yes  If yes, give date \_\_\_\_\_ & Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THIS AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CASE?**

No  Yes

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**NATURE OF SUIT**

		TORTS	ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES			
<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY</b>	<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>	<b>OTHER STATUTES</b>	
[ ] 110 INSURANCE	[ ] 310 AIRPLANE	[ ] 367 HEALTHCARE/	[ ] 625 DRUG RELATED	[ ] 422 APPEAL	[ ] 375 FALSE CLAIMS	
[ ] 120 MARINE	[ ] 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT	PHARMACEUTICAL PERSONAL	SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	28 USC 158	[ ] 376 QUI TAM	
[ ] 130 MILLER ACT	LIABILITY	[ ] 365 PERSONAL INJURY	21 USC 881	[ ] 423 WITHDRAWAL	[ ] 400 STATE	
[ ] 140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT	[ ] 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER	PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 690 OTHER	28 USC 157	REAPPORTIONMENT	
[ ] 150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT & ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT	[ ] 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY	ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>		[ ] 410 ANTITRUST	
[ ] 151 MEDICARE ACT	[ ] 340 MARINE	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	[ ] 820 COPYRIGHTS	X 880 DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT	[ ] 430 BANKS & BANKING	
[ ] 152 RECOVERY OF DEFANTED STUDENT LOANS (EXCL VETERANS)	[ ] 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 370 OTHER FRAUD	[ ] 830 PATENT		[ ] 450 COMMERCE	
	[ ] 350 MOTOR VEHICLE	[ ] 371 TRUTH IN LENDING	[ ] 835 PATENT-ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG APPLICATION		[ ] 460 DEPORTATION	
	[ ] 355 MOTOR VEHICLE		[ ] 840 TRADEMARK		[ ] 470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED & CORRUPT ORGANIZATION ACT (RICO)	
[ ] 153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS	PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY		<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	[ ] 480 CONSUMER CREDIT	
		[ ] 362 PERSONAL INJURY - MED MALPRACTICE	[ ] 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	[ ] 861 HIA (1395ff)	[ ] 485 TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT	
[ ] 160 STOCKHOLDERS SUITS			[ ] 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE	[ ] 862 BLACK LUNG (923)		
[ ] 190 OTHER CONTRACT			PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 863 DIWC/DIWV (405(g))	[ ] 490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV	
[ ] 195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY		<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>	[ ] 710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	[ ] 864 SSID TITLE XVI	[ ] 850 SECURITIES/ COMMODITIES/ EXCHANGE	
[ ] 196 FRANCHISE		[ ] 463 ALIEN DETAINEE	[ ] 720 LABOR/MGMT RELATIONS	[ ] 865 RSI (405(g))	[ ] 890 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS	
	<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES</b>	[ ] 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	[ ] 740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT		[ ] 891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS	
		28 USC 2255	[ ] 751 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)		[ ] 893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	
	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	[ ] 530 HABEAS CORPUS	[ ] 790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	[ ] 870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	[ ] 895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	
		[ ] 535 DEATH PENALTY	[ ] 791 EMPL RET INC SECURITY ACT (ERISA)	[ ] 871 IRS-THIRD PARTY	[ ] 896 ARBITRATION	
		[ ] 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER		26 USC 7609	[ ] 899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT/REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION	
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>					[ ] 950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES	
[ ] 210 LAND CONDEMNATION	[ ] 441 VOTING	<b>IMMIGRATION</b>				
[ ] 220 FORECLOSURE	[ ] 442 EMPLOYMENT	<b>PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	[ ] 462 NATURALIZATION			
[ ] 230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT	[ ] 443 HOUSING/ ACCOMMODATIONS	[ ] 550 CIVIL RIGHTS	APPLICATION			
[ ] 240 TORTS TO LAND	[ ] 445 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - EMPLOYMENT	[ ] 555 PRISON CONDITION	[ ] 465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS			
[ ] 245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY	[ ] 446 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - OTHER	[ ] 560 CIVIL DETAINEE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT				
[ ] 290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY	[ ] 448 EDUCATION					

Check if demanded in complaint:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION  
UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DO YOU CLAIM THIS CASE IS RELATED TO A CIVIL CASE NOW PENDING IN S.D.N.Y.  
AS DEFINED BY LOCAL RULE FOR DIVISION OF BUSINESS 13?  
IF SO, STATE:

DEMAND \$ 2,500,000 OTHER JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

Check YES only if demanded in complaint  
JURY DEMAND:  YES  NO

NOTE: You must also submit at the time of filing the Statement of Relatedness form (Form IH-32).

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from (Specify District) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation (Transferred) | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. all parties represented       |                                                     |                                                          |                                                   |                                                                |                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation (Direct File)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. At least one party is pro se. |                                                     |                                                          |                                                   |                                                                |                                                                   |                                                                           |

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- 1 U.S. PLAINTIFF  2 U.S. DEFENDANT  3 FEDERAL QUESTION  4 DIVERSITY  
(U.S. NOT A PARTY)

**IF DIVERSITY, INDICATE CITIZENSHIP BELOW.****CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)**

(Place an [X] in one box for Plaintiff and one box for Defendant)

CITIZEN OF THIS STATE	PTF [ ] 1	DEF [ ] 1	CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY	PTF [ ] 3	DEF [ ] 3	INCORPORATED and PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE	PTF [ ] 5	DEF [ ] 5
CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE	[ ] 2	[ ] 2	INCORPORATED or PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE	[ ] 4	[ ] 4	FOREIGN NATION	[ ] 6	[ ] 6

**PLAINTIFF(S) ADDRESS(ES) AND COUNTY(IES)**

Vanderdonk, LLC  
112 East 19th Street, Apt. 4R  
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**DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS(ES) AND COUNTY(IES)**

Avi Mahajan  
140 Saint James Pl., Unit 3F  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

**DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

REPRESENTATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT, AT THIS TIME, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE, WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE, TO ASCERTAIN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:

**COURTHOUSE ASSIGNMENT**

I hereby certify that this case should be assigned to the courthouse indicated below pursuant to Local Rule for Division of Business 18, 20 or 21.

Check one: THIS ACTION SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO:  WHITE PLAINS  MANHATTAN

DATE 9/5/23

  
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THIS DISTRICT

[ ] NO

 YES (DATE ADMITTED Mo. 7 Yr. 1991)  
Attorney Bar Code # 2425494

RECEIPT #

Magistrate Judge is to be designated by the Clerk of the Court.

Magistrate Judge \_\_\_\_\_ is so Designated.

Ruby J. Krajick, Clerk of Court by \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk, DATED \_\_\_\_\_.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (NEW YORK SOUTHERN)